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AMENDMENT

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions.

1-23. (Canceled).

24. (Currently Amended) A method for generating a unified user profile for providing transparent access to a user or application to a personalization database and an external user database, said method comprising the steps of:

(a) obtaining a base user ~~java-bean~~ JAVABEAN adapted to work through a personalization server to access said personalization database, wherein said base user ~~java-bean~~ JAVABEAN is adapted to provide a transparent interface to a user or application through which implicit and explicit properties can be retrieved and updated from the personalization database and further wherein the access is carried out independent of any knowledge of the user or application of the naming convention of the data in the database; and

(b) creating an ENTERPRISE ~~enterprise java-bean~~ JAVABEAN to extend the base user ~~java-bean~~ JAVABEAN such that said implicit and explicit properties can further be transparently retrieved and updated from an external user database;

(c) wherein the extended base user ~~java-bean~~ JAVABEAN utilizes a property set, said property set adapted to give namespace qualifications to implicit and explicit properties of said data in said personalization database; and further wherein said implicit and explicit properties comprise getter and setter properties; and

(d) obtaining a security realm adapted to allow authentication of data in said personalization database and said external user database.

25. (Original) A method according to claim 24, further comprising the step of generating transparent read and write access to said external database through the extended said base user ~~java-bean~~ JAVABEAN.

26. (Original) A method according to claim 24, further comprising the step of configuring a server to provide said read and write access.

27. (Original) A method according to claim 26, wherein said server is a the personalization server.

28. (Original) A method according to claim 24, wherein said external user database is selected from the group consisting of legacy databases, corporate databases, and customer databases.

29. (Original) A method according to claim 24, wherein said external user database contains data selected from the group consisting of authentication information, user lists, group lists, and group membership.

30. (Canceled).

31. (Canceled).

32. (Canceled).

33. (Canceled).

34. (Canceled).

35. (Canceled).

36. (Canceled).

37. (Canceled).

38. (Canceled).

39. (Canceled).

40-62. (Canceled).

63. (Currently Amended) A computer readable medium containing instructions which, when executed by a server, cause the server to perform the steps of:

(a) obtaining a base user ~~java-bean~~ JAVABEAN adapted to work through the server to access a first database, said base user ~~java-bean~~ JAVABEAN adapted to provide a transparent interface to a user or application through which implicit and explicit properties can be retrieved and updated from the first database ; and

(b) creating an ENTERPRISE ~~enterprise java-bean~~ JAVABEAN to extend the base user ~~java-bean~~ JAVABEAN such that said implicit and explicit properties can further be transparently retrieved and updated from a second database and further wherein the access is carried out independent of any knowledge of the user or application of the naming convention of the data in the database;

(c) wherein the extended base user java-bean JAVABEAN utilizes a property set, said property set adapted to give namespace qualifications to implicit and explicit properties of said data in the first database; and further wherein the extended base user java-bean JAVABEAN utilizes getter and setter properties; and

(d) wherein the medium further causes the server to obtain a security realm adapted to allow authentication of data in the first database and the second database.

64. (Original) A computer readable medium according to claim 63, wherein the medium further causes the server to generate transparent read and write access to the second database through the extended said base user ~~java-bean~~ JAVABEAN.

65. (Canceled).

66. (Canceled).

67. (Canceled).

68. (Currently Amended) A system for use in generating a unified user profile for providing transparent access to a personalization database and an external user database, comprising:

(a) a base user ~~java-bean~~ JAVABEAN adapted to work through a personalization server to access said personalization database, said base user ~~java bean~~ JAVABEAN adapted to provide a transparent interface to a user or application through which implicit and explicit properties can be retrieved and updated from the personalization database ; and

(b) an ENTERPRISE ~~enterprise java-bean~~ JAVABEAN that extends the base user ~~java-bean~~ JAVABEAN such that said implicit and explicit properties can further be transparently retrieved and updated from an external user database and further wherein the access is carried out independent of any knowledge of the user or application of the naming convention of the data in the database;

(c) wherein the extended base user ~~java-bean~~ JAVABEAN utilizes a property set, said property set adapted to give namespace qualifications to implicit and explicit properties of said data in said personalization database and further wherein the extended user ~~java-bean~~ JAVABEAN utilizes getter and setter properties; and

(d) wherein the system further comprises a means of obtaining a security realm adapted to allow authentication of data in said personalization database and said external user database.

69. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 68, wherein the system further comprises a means of generating transparent read and write access to said external database through the extended said base user ~~java-bean~~ JAVABEAN.

70. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 68, wherein the system further comprises a means of configuring a server to provide said read and write access.

71. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 68, wherein said server is a the personalization server.

72. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 68, wherein said external user database is selected from the group consisting of legacy databases, corporate databases, and customer databases.

73. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 68, wherein said external user database contains data selected from the group consisting of authentication information, user lists, group lists, and group membership.

74. (Canceled).

75. (Canceled).

76. (Canceled).